GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:458
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2005
PC SUGGESTIONS ON INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has advocated the need for collective and concerted efforts between the Centre and State Governments to bridge the critical gaps in infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which suggestions from the Planning Commission have been accepted by both Centre and State Governments; and

(d) the steps being taken to implement them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 458 REGARDING PC SUGGESTIONS ON INFRASTRUCTURE BY S/SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI AND RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO DUE FOR ANSWER ON 27.04.2005.

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Planning Commission has advocated the need for collective and concerted action between the Central and State Governments to bridge critical gaps in infrastructure. Various infrastructure development schemes have been launched from time to time, like: Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP), Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY), National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

Recognising the need for a sharper focus, efforts have been intensified and the Central Government has now proposed in Union Budget (2005-06) several new infrastructure development initiatives, such as: Bharat Nirman, National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) and National Urban Renewal Mission (NURM). Under these schemes, funds would be allocated by the Central Government and States would be encouraged to undertake necessary policy and/or institutional reforms. The Government has also set up a `Committee on Infrastructure` and another on `Rural Infrastructure` under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister to address all infrastructure related issues comprehensively.